

CHRISTMAS MAIL LARGEST EVER; CLERKS BEHIND

Hard Work and Long Hours by Employees Do Not Clear Away the Work.

Washington people who are looking for Christmas packages from out of town friends may take heart and wait a while yet in patience, as it is more than likely that the postman will find the coveted package among the mountain-high stacks of mail bags that are being "worked" today.

The outgoing Christmas mail is practically over, but the incoming continues with a rush and volume that eclipses all records. The mail clerks are clearing the accumulation away at the rate of about a hundred sacks an hour, but for the last twenty-four hours the clerks have been all but swamped.

Heaviest Christmas Mail.

This afternoon the clerks are gaining on the work, and by tomorrow it is believed they will be in sight of the end. It is the consensus of opinion that the Washington office has never before been called on to handle so much Christmas mail.

Between 75,000 and 100,000 Christmas post cards, almost an innovation in the Christmas mail, are being held until the packages and letters are delivered. Great rows of letters and other first-class mail fill table after table, notwithstanding the better facilities that are employed, and the almost heroic devotion to duty of the postal clerks and carriers.

Postmaster Barnes is loud in his praise of the work the men have done. He stated today that many of them had voluntarily returned to duty after they had completed their regular hours.

Registry Division Works.

In the registry division Superintendent Hunt and his assistants have been on a twelve-hour basis for several days, and are still standing by their posts, except in a few instances where grip and sickness have forced them to surrender. In this division it is claimed that the work shows the unprecedented increase of practically 300 per cent over last year.

Three out of the four division superintendents and many of the men have been disabled by the grip, but in only a few instances have the clerks given up, while not a superintendent has stayed away.

Postmaster Barnes says that he had two additional calls for Santa Claus letters yesterday afternoon, two Washington women asking for a number of the letters for the purpose of granting the requests of the tots who imitated the mischievous old Kriss Kringle in childlike faith that their wishes would be supplied.

ALL-NAVY HOLDS FACTORY TO TIE; NEITHER SCORES

The football season's formal ending was brought about this morning by the playing of the game between the All-Navy and the Gun Factory aggregations at National Park, the final score 0 to 0, leaving the supremacy of the local military teams still in doubt.

The game was a slowly played affair, and although stiffly contested was far from interesting. Gun Factory recovered DeWitt's return punt on Navy's 30-yard line. The ball saw-sawed near the center of the field, neither side's goal being in danger for the entire first half.

The addition of Sutton and Nicholson to Gun Factory's line-up made the game a trifle faster in the latter session, Sutton making big gains through the All-Navy line-up time after time. The ball was in the Navy's territory for the greater part of the time in the second half, but the defensive work of the whole team and of Sherer and Garry in particular kept the Gun Factory from scoring.

Twice the ball was within ten yards of the goal, but the team rallied and with splendid spirit booted the pigskin back to the defensive work of the steady pounding of Gun Factory until the heavier eleven again put the sturdy little Navy players in danger.

TAKE \$5,000 AS GIFT BY SMASHING WINDOW

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Police are today searching for two well-dressed robbers who secured about \$5,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry in a raid on the jewelry store of David Holtz. While the store was crowded with customers last night two robbers smashed a show window and escaped with two trays of diamonds and jewelry.

FORGED BLIND GIRL'S NAME WOMAN IS CONVICTED

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adele M. Maxwell, who has been an undertaker for society people in Pittsburgh, has been found guilty of forgery in the criminal court, also of impersonating another person.

Mrs. Maxwell was charged with signing the deed for a property worth \$3,500 belonging to Catherine Landers, a blind girl, who made her home with her.

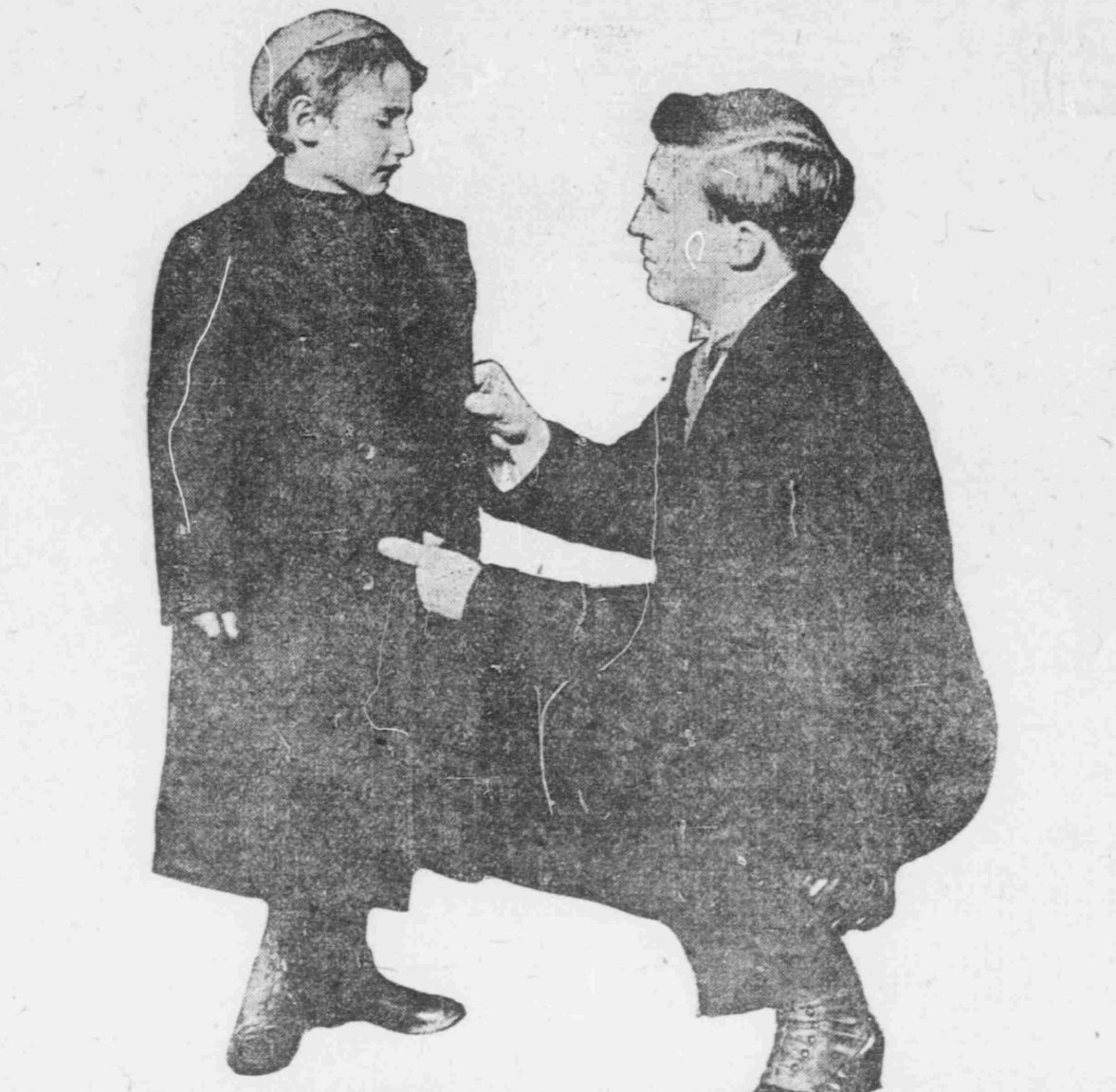
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Shabby, But Happy, They Stand Up in Line, Patiently Waiting for Presents So Fine.

Then Saks and His Aides, Like Old Santa Himself Hand Out the Garments.

There may have been those in Washington for whom Christmas had no meaning, but the one hundred little urchins who filed into Saks & Co.'s store this morning were not among them.

Beaming with smiles, radiantly happy and thankful to the fullest measure, the little fellows emerged from the store arrayed in light, new, warm overcoats which will shield them from the chilly wintry blasts and give them reason for long remembering the kind-hearted members of the clothing firm.

For twenty years Saks & Co. have gladdened hearts, supplanted sorrow and sadness with happiness and good cheer, and made Christmas more of a season of goodwill on earth than it has been to the poor, the needy, the worthy and the thankful. One hundred overcoats were given away not in a spirit of charity, but as Christmas gifts to the deserving and the appreciative urchins of the city.

Line Formed Early. Long before 10 o'clock this morning, the hour set for the distribution, a line of urchins, accompanied for the most part by a parent or guardian, each bearing a ticket entitling him to a coat, formed on the Seventh street side of

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the store. The line extended down around the corner on Pennsylvania avenue. Little fellows with well-worn clothes and overcoats conspicuously lacking, with shoes that in some cases seemed better fitted for the ash barrel, standing patiently till the doors opened.

What their clothes lacked inuster was made up for by the laughs in their eyes. Perhaps their tattered raiment was not as spotless as it might have been, but their faces were shined as white and pink as rosebuds, and more than all, each little heart beat fast and furiously at the thought of receiving a comfortable new overcoat—a thing long regarded as a luxury for which it was folly to crave.

Shabby, But Happy.

Their clothes were plain, soiled, and worn, but the parents and urchins alike were buoyantly happy and in many cases tears of joy streamed down the seamed faces of parents who were exultant because their little ones were to receive from a bountiful Santa Claus what they themselves could not buy. It was a pathetic picture for the nonce, but it was speedily changed to one of happiness and gladness, and the sight of so many beaming countenances was ample reward for the donors.

At 10 o'clock the doors swung open and three boys were admitted. Inside they were greeted by Isaac Saks, the manager, and by Joseph I. Saks, the head of the establishment, who turned the cover to the overcoat department. When they were fitted, three more were admitted, and so on until the whole line, numbering something over a hundred, had been served.

One of the clerks who was looking after the boys would occasionally whisper to Mr. Saks or Mr. Saks, "Say, the kid has no shoes," and would get the whispered answer, "Fix him up." To care for the crowd and see that each candidate for a gift from Santa was properly fitted the managers of the clothing and shoe departments with their corps of assistants were on hand.

Officials See Distribution. During the course of the distribution Judge William H. DeLoey, of the juvenile court, and Commissioner Henry B.

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P. Macfarland came in. They were impressed with the generosity of the firm and offered their congratulations to Mr. Saks and Mr. Gans.

There was little opportunity for imposition, for each boy who received a gift was recommended by the Associated Charities. Mr. Gans was given a list by this organization and in each case the history of the family was given so that the degree of worthiness might be evident. The list disclosed many cases of misfortune. Drunkenness, disease, and other causes had contributed to harden the lot of the unhappy families.

At 11 o'clock the last boy had left the store, the policemen, who had kept the waiting line in order, were invited inside and presented with souvenirs, and the members and the employees of the firm left for their homes, happy for having given happiness to others.

MAN FALLS SEVENTY FEET AFTER TOUCHING LIVE WIRE

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 25.—Alvin Gibson, a lineman, touched a live wire on a pole at the Cos Cob drawbridge of the New Haven railroad and fell seventy feet to the Mianus river bed.

Luckily, the tide was out, so he landed on the mud flats. He was badly hurt and bruised and is in a serious condition.

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Cheer for Unfortunates From Prosperous Hands

Spreading Christmas cheer in homes that were cheerless and exhibiting a true understanding of the meaning of the day, the Salvation Army last night and today distributed over 400 baskets of food to unfortunate households where poverty rather than yuletide plenty reigned.

This follows the custom of the army for a number of years, and none who watched the poor as they came, half-doubting, and left with faces radiant and arms laden with the good things of life, can say that the custom is not a good one.

The investigation to ascertain just where these necessities were most needed has been conducted for a number of days by the army. Many pathetic applications were received. They were all investigated and those most deserving were given cards which, when presented at army headquarters last night, gave the bearer the privilege to carry to a neglected home some of the blessings enjoyed by the more fortunate world about him. It was a glorious occasion for the givers and for the recipients, and mumbled thanks and tear-bedimmed eyes in a large number of instances attested to the fact that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Christmas Tree Monday.

The Salvation Army has been well assisted by the people of Washington, who contributed to a day of happiness for the poor by sending in provisions and money for the annual Christmas distribution. Next Monday afternoon the army will have a Christmas tree for all the children who did not enjoy one today. Gifts will be there for hundreds of the city's unfortunate little ones, who have to toil for a living, and after the gifts are distributed there will be a dinner.

A number of other charitable organizations, too, have extended aid to the poor and all over the city today something is being done everywhere to make life seem worth while for the more unfortunate brother. At the headquarters of the Central Union and the Homeward Bound missions efforts in this direction were especially notable, and all through the day the organizations have been appealed to and have aided the poor. At the headquarters of the former organization, services were held at intervals, and food supplied to the needy.

The Keenest Sufferers.

It is an especially pitiable fact that many of those who have sought assistance have been persons of education and refinement, unfortunate in the accumulation of this world's goods. To these it seemed an ordeal to step forward and receive from the hand of charity, but the lump in the throat was overcome some way as the picture of a poverty-stricken home flashed through the mind, and these, too, trudged homeward laden with bundles as the rest.

One woman acknowledged the charity of the Salvation Army by sending to Adjutant and Mrs. Quirk a small Bible in English, grain leather, given her by the captain of a vessel when she was returning to this country from Japan. Intrinsically, it was not worth much, but to her it was, it represented a great deal, for it was one of the links that bound her to the past, when she had the blessings of life that are denied her today.

This is but one of the many pathetic stories of the other side of Christmas told and retold by those who have applied to Washington's charities in the hour of their need.

Jolly Throngs on Streets; Crowds Not Disorderly Cheering Sylvester's Soul

Major Sylvester is undoubtedly pleased. He probably sits at home today in the quiet contemplation of an object and an ideal accomplished. Even his most extravagant wish was fulfilled, for Christmas eve was celebrated in a most jolly fashion, and but few persons fell into the trap of the "stupid."

There was much blowing of horns, prank playing and war whooping, but these were all taken good naturedly by the police and shoppers and did not constitute disorder.

Fakers owned the curbing and did a thriving business along Pennsylvania avenue, F street, Seventh street and other downtown thoroughfares.

Eggnog was dispensed by the genial barkeepers and with convivial guests there was no lack of Christmas "spirit."

Although the shops kept open until 10:30 o'clock last evening, only a few belated stragglers came to make a purchase from among the leavings of five or six weeks of "stupid shopping."

The crowds on the street were dense and noisy, but they kept moving and gave but little trouble. A few who persisted in blowing horns in the faces of other shoppers or in stores were warned several times and those who re-

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refused to desist were given the pleasure of depositing \$5 collateral for a Police Court hearing.

Dinner Given to All

At Central Union Mission;
Religious Services Held

Christmas cheer was dispensed with an open hand at Central Union Mission today. Everyone who wanted one was given a good dinner. No special arrangements were made for Christmas by the mission except that religious services, under the direction of the chairman of the board of directors, O. B. Brown, were held at 10 o'clock this morning, and at noon the dining room was thrown open to all.

It was stated by Mr. Brown this morning that the services and dinner were especially for the men living at the mission, but that many others also participated. A feature of the morning service was the annual distribution of Christmas gifts to employees of the mission, some twenty in number.

On New Year Eve a watch night service will be held, and on New Year Day a special dinner for the poor will be given by the management of the mission.

Georgetown Poor to Get Clothing and Dinner

The annual distribution to the needy poor of Georgetown under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Trinity Church, will be made this evening at the church rectory. The congregation has been appealed to for supplying the needed groceries, fuel, and clothing and it is expected that the responses this year will be as generous as ever.

Last year nearly 100 families were made happier for the Christmas festival by being furnished with Christmas dinners. Those who are desirous of contributing for the occasion can send their donations to the church rectory.

HOG EXPLODES BOMB BURIED IN SCHOOL YARD

ODESSA, Dec. 25.—The curiosity of a straying hog at Akkerman has brought to light a store of bombs at that place, caused the arrest of a number of school boys charged with being aware of the whereabouts of the explosives, and resulted, incidentally, in the death of the poor hog.

The hog wandered into the school yard, began to root, and presently turned over a half-buried bomb and exploded it with its snout.

The police then made an investigation and found on the school grounds an extensive stock of the buried bombs. No persons were injured by the explosion, but hundreds of windows were shattered.

STOP PLANS FOR FUNERAL; BELIEVE WOMAN IN FRANCE

WALLINGSFORD, Conn., Dec. 25.—Supposedly dead and with all the preparations made for her funeral, Mrs. Gilbert N. Allen's obscurity were indefinitely postponed by relatives. For some reason they believe that the woman is not actually dead, but simply in one of those abnormal trances which resemble death, and that she may have a chance to come to life she is not buried before recovery.

CUTS 53 YEARS' BEARD AS PRESENT TO FAMILY

LODI, Ohio, Dec. 25.—A peep at his chin—his first—was Martin Overs' gift to his aged wife and three children, when he cut off the beard which had been accumulating for fifty-three years. Overs had wood and wedded with a beard. The children, of course, never saw his face. The sacrificed beard measured three feet and a half.

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